

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As indicated in the Office Action, claims 1-8 and 10-21 were rejected as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Claims 1, 2, 7, 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0122585 to Swift et al. (“*Swift* ‘585”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,481,275 to Mical (“*Mical*”). Claims 3-6, 8-12, and 18-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 for being unpatentable over *Swift* ‘585 in view of *Mical* and U.S. Patent No. 5,982,941 to Loveridge (“*Loveridge*”). Applicants respectfully traverse the various grounds of rejections for at least the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 recites a method of converting an input image of a source format to an output image of a desired stereoscopic format, including in part, the approach of “identifying … display methods that are compatible with the source format of the input image …,” and “allowing a desired display method to be chosen from identified compatible display methods ….” Similar elements are also included in independent claims 13 and 16. As disclosed at page 7, line 25 to page 8, line 8 of Applicants’ Specification, a support matrix table may be configured to contain information to establish whether the combination of converting the first format to the second format for a desired display method is *possible* to produce, and whether the combination is supported by a viewer to display the output images in the desired display method. Such a support matrix table may be “used to *prevent invalid combinations* from being available and selectable by the user.” *Id* at page 8, lines 7-8.

Applicants respectfully assert that the steps of identifying compatible display methods and allowing a desired display method to be chosen from compatible display

methods are wholly missing in *Swift* '585. It is alleged in Office Action (at page 5) that the claimed elements of “identifying display methods that are compatible with the source format of input; allowing a desired display to be chosen from identified compatible display methods” were disclosed in Figure 9 of *Swift* '585, which shows “a webpage with several display format options, the script buttons.” Below is a copy of paragraph 51 of the *Swift* '585 patent, which describes the disclosure of Figure 9 of *Swift* '585.

[0051] Using a script system, the viewing system is instructed to change display modes on the fly. The user can issue a command using a script to specify any viewing mode. All stereoscopic media files that are displayed on that web page are then dynamically switched to the new viewing method. FIG. 9 illustrates a script command to set the display mode to Color Anaglyph 900. The Web Page as received has media files as illustrated by Stereo Image Grey Anaglyph 904; Stereo Image Color Anaglyph 906; Stereo Image Cross-eye 908 and Stereo Image Parallel 910; Stereo Image Interleaved 912; and Stereo Image Interleaved 914. With the Button: Set to Display mode to Color Anaglyph 916, the Script Commands sets the Display Mode Color Anaglyph 918. The system converts all the media files to Color Anaglyph as illustrated by files 920 through 930. This embodiment is critical in providing an easy to use 3D stereoscopic viewing system.

According to paragraph 51 as shown above, *Swift* '585 discloses a script system that receives different types of media files 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, and 914, and “converts all the media files to Color Anaglyph as illustrated by files 920 through 930. *Swift* '585, however, neither contemplates the possibility that one or more source formats 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, and 914 may be *incompatible* with the chosen Color Anaglyph format nor provides a way to identify and distinguish compatible display methods from incompatible

display methods. As such, *Swift* '585 has failed to disclose “identifying … display methods that are compatible with the source format of the input image …,” and “allowing a desired display method to be chosen from identified compatible display methods …” as required by independent claims 1, 13, and 16.

The deficiency of *Swift* '585 is not cured by *Mical* or *Loveridge*, both of which are entirely silent on “identifying … display methods that are compatible with the source format of the input image …,” and “allowing a desired display method to be chosen from identified compatible display methods …” as required by independent claims 1, 13, and 16. Applicants thus respectfully submit that the teachings of *Swift* '585, *Mical*, and *Loveridge*, even when combined, do not teach or suggest every element of claims 1, 13, and 16 and cannot support a *prima facie* case of obviousness. Accordingly, for at least the reasons detailed above, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 with respect to claims 1, 13 and 16 and all claims dependent therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above Amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully assert that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and, as such, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this response to our Deposit Account No. **13-0480** (Attorney Docket No. 95194936-044021).

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